



Safety Alliance Updates

OSHA Alliance News

In Conjunction with the OSHA Alliance

Important Dates:

July 13, 2010
Safety Stand Down

August 18, 2010
Alliance Meeting

November 10, 2010
Alliance Meeting

Safety Quote:

*It's better to lose one
minute in life...
Than to lose life in
a minute!*

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On Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at the start time on jobsites across Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee, (but will not exclude participation in Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and North and South Carolina), employers committed to safety will shut down their jobsites to participate in the industries first multi-state Stand Down.

The Southeastern Line Constructors Chapter, NECA, Southeastern Line Apprenticeship and Training, IBEW Fifth and the Tenth District Offices joined with OSHA Region IV to sponsor this important event and the life saving message it brings to the outside construction workforce. The Stand Down will target 33 contractors and approximately 1300 employees working in the Southeast region. This is another step the Alliance has taken to reach out to employers and employees to promote, educate and heighten safety awareness in an industry known for its hazardous work environment. "It is time for all parties to come together and take a unified action for the sole purpose of safety", said Steve Gaines with Southeastern Line Constructors Chapter, NECA.

The topic for this stand down will be "Misconceptions of Live Line Tools". It is known that crews utilize different terminology when describing these tools

and in some cases the understanding of the tools proper usage in live line applications to prevent exposure from electrical contacts. Each employee will be provided a copy of the safety presentation which will be presented by company safety personnel or supervisors/foreman. You are encouraged to interact during the training by providing feedback on the types of misconceptions you have experienced while working in the trade.

On many of your jobsites, there will be representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Federal and State run plans, Utilities, EMC's, Municipalities, Local Unions, Southeastern Line Apprenticeship and Training, Southeastern Line Chapter, NECA, IBEW Fifth and Tenth District officials and Suppliers/Manufacturers. This event will utilize State and Federal media coverage to further promote safety awareness and the efforts the Alliance and electrical contractor's employers are taking to educate employees in the industry.

"We are gratified that this segment of the electrical industry remains committed to making a cultural shift, as demonstrated by the safety stand down. The purpose of this alliance is to enhance the ability of government, business and labor to work in a more cooperative way to make that happen," said OSHA official.

For more information, visit www.slccneca.org and click on Safety Stand Down on the main page for a registration form and the stand down presentation. Contact Steve Gaines at 770-969-9209 or Virgil Melton at 678-423-1338 for additional information.

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